





In re U.S. Patent Application of Nichols RECEIVED Application No. 09/868,664 Examiner: Unassigned Filed: September 26, 2001 Technology Center 2100 Group Art Unit: 2672 For: A SYSTEM, METHOD AND ARTICLE OF MANUFACTURE FOR A RUNTIME PROGRAM ANALYSIS TOOL FOR A SIMULATION ENGINE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed prior to examination. It is believed that no fee is due in connection with this filing. However, if a fee is due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 19.0733.

Prior to examining the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE TITLE:

Please change the title to 'A RUNTIME PROGRAM ANALYSIS TOOL FOR A SIMULATION

ENGINE"

## REMARKS

The Applicant submits the change in title in order to be more succinct.

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